

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 5, lines 15-22 as follows:

A fan covering 101 (see Figure 5) extends above the outer surface of helmet shell 100. The fan covering 101 is joined to or is integrally formed with central fin 102 to provide a protective and contouring cover for the fan mechanism 108 of any conventional type as, for example, described in U.S. Patent Nos. D 460,584 and 6,792,944. Thus, the fan covering 101 provides a spacer for maintaining a distance between the helmet shell 100 and filter 400. A fan opening 109 is provided through the side portion of the fan covering 101.

Please replace page 6, lines 14-22 as follows:

Mounted at the front of the helmet shell 100 are light emitting diodes (LED) 151 and 152 or similar indicating devices. These diodes are disposed so that they are readily observable by the wearer of helmet assembly 10 without obscuring the view or otherwise distracting the wearer. The LEDs 151 and 152 are, preferably, of different colors such as red or yellow, respectively. One diode serves to selectively indicate a low battery condition while the other diode serves to selectively indicate a low airflow condition. The diodes 151 and 152 are connected to control circuits (such as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,792,944 noted supra) by conductors (not shown) which are disposed on the inner surface of the helmet shell 100.